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DURHAM, N.H. -- Three University of New Hampshire faculty members are available to comment on the Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change (IPCC) report released today.

Barry Rock, professor of natural resources and in the Complex Systems Research Center, served as a reviewer on the IPCC report, looking at parts of the report that focused on forest impacts of climate change, as well as at forests' potential contributions (as carbon storage or sequestration agents) in mitigating future climate change. Trained as a botanist, his research and publications have focused on remote sensing of vegetation.

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